

HUMILITY BRINGS GREATNESS

THE PRINCIPLE OF GREATNESS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 18:4 (KJV)

⁴ Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Man is naturally proud of many things:

Man could be proud of his race, house, education, intelligence, capabilities, good looks, gifts, position, influential friends etc...

IMPORTANCE OF HUMILITY

James 4:6 (KJV)

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

You need grace to live in God's kingdom as you need money to live in this earth.

If you want more grace, then you need to be more humble.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMBLE?

Matthew 11:29 (KJV)

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek (humble) and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Humility does not mean you speak gently and softly and the way you dress etc...

Humility is when you do not want reputation before carnal people who do not know what humility is all about but you want God to recognize that you are humble. So we learn from Christ.

HUMILITY IS WHEN YOU HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 2:16 (KJV)

*¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.***

WHAT IS THE MIND OF CHRIST?

Philippians 2:5-7 (KJV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

I. A humble man is servant of others

Matthew 23:11 (KJV)

¹¹ *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.*

Jesus washed his disciples' feet

John 13:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ *Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?*

⁷ *Jesus answered and said unto him, **What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.***

⁸ *Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, **If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.***

2. A humble man, is man who is obedient to the purpose of God

Philippians 2:5-7 (KJV)

⁸ *And being found in fashion as a man, he **humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.***

HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST IS NOT SEEKING YOUR OWN

Philippians 2:2-11 (KJV)

² *Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*

³ *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better (important) than themselves.*

⁴ *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

Selfishness and pride are destructive sins that destroy unity. It cannot build the purpose of God for your life and you cannot build the church with Christ.

Do nothing from selfishness and in pride.

Isaiah 66:1-2 (KJV)

¹ *Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?*

² *For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit(humble man), and trembleth at my word.***

A HUMBLE MAN SHALL BE EXALTED AND LIFTED BY GOD

James 4:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and **he shall lift you up.***

1 Peter 5:6 (KJV)

⁶ *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that **he may exalt you in due time:***

Jesus was humble and the father exalted him

Philippians 2:9-11 (KJV)

⁹ *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

¹⁰ *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

¹¹ *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*